## Cookie Recipes

## Easy Cookies

| 2 packages white or yellow cake mix* | 1 cup cooking oil |
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| 4 teaspoons water | 4 eggs |
| 2 cups (12 oz pkg) flavored chips* | 2 cups rolled oats |

Preheat 350 degrees. Blend cake mix, water, oil, and eggs. Stir in chips and oatmeal. Place cookie dough in refrigerator about one hour. Drop by heaping teaspoons (to make 2" cookies) onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 for 8 minutes (top will look pale). Cool on sheet 1 minute and remove to wire rack. Completely cool before packaging.
**You can use any flavored chips (chocolate, peanut butter, swirled, toffee, etc.) but nothing like M\&Ms, Reese's Pieces, etc. You can also use chocolate cake mix or strawberry and lemon cake mixes.

## Peanut Butter

3/4 cup creamy peanut butter
1 egg
1/2 cup shortening
1-3/4 cup all purpose flour
1-1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
3/4 teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons milk
3/4 teaspoon baking soda 1 teaspoon vanilla

Combine peanut butter, shortening, sugar, milk and vanilla in a large bowl and mix at medium speed until well blended. Add egg and mix well. In a separate bowl combine flour, salt and baking soda, mix well. Add flour mixture to peanut butter and mix until just blended. Drop by heaping teaspoons onto ungreased cookie sheet and flatten slightly in a crisscross pattern with the tines of a fork. Bake at 375 degrees for 7 to 8 minutes until set. Makes 3 dozen cookies.

## Chewy Oatmeal

3/4 cup butter flavor shortening
1-1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1 egg
1/3 cup milk
1-1/2 teaspoon vanilla

3 cups quick cooking oats
1 cup all purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

Combine shortening, brown sugar, egg, milk and vanilla in a large bowl. Mix at medium speed until well blended. Combine oats, flour, salt, baking soda and cinnamon in a separate bowl, mix well. Add to shortening/sugar mixture until just blended. Drop rounded tablespoons of dough onto cookie sheet. Bake at 375 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes or until lightly browned. Makes 2-1/2 dozen cookies.

## Chocolate Chip

3/4 cup shortening
1-1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
2 tablespoons milk
1 teaspoon vanilla

1-3/4 cup all purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
3/4 teaspoon baking soda
1 cup semi-sweet choc chips
1 egg

Combine shortening, sugar, milk and vanilla in a large bowl, mix until well blended. Add egg and mix well. In a separate bowl combine flour, salt and baking soda, mix well. Add to shortening/sugar mixture until well blended. Stir in chocolate chips. Drop by rounded tablespoon onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 375 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes for chewy cookies or 11 to 13 minutes for crisp cookies. Makes 3 dozen cookies.

## Molasses Cookies

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3/4 cup margarine or shortening
l cup granulated sugar
l egg
4 tablespoons molasses
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1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon ginger
2 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking soda

In a large bowl, cream margarine or shortening with sugar. Add egg and blend. Add molasses and spices; mix well. Add flour and baking soda and blend. Chill dough 30 minutes or overnight (covered tightly). Shape dough into small balls and place 2 -inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 325 degrees for 10-12 minutes. Remove from oven and cool on wire racks. Makes 2 1/2 dozen.

## Sugar Cookies

1 cup margarine (or butter)
1 cup vegetable oil
1 cup granulated sugar
1 cup powdered sugar
2 eggs

1 teaspoon vanilla
4 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon cream of tartar

Beat together margarine, oil, granulated sugar, powdered sugar, eggs and vanilla. Sift together flour, salt, baking soda and cream of tartar. Add dry ingredients to margarine mixture. Drop from a teaspoon onto greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees until cookies are light brown around the edges, about 8 to 10 minutes (watch closely; cookies will be dry if they get too brown). Makes approximately 5 dozen.

